Prime Minister with a view to creating new employment opportunities and providing employment in the rural areas; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU): (a) and (b) In his Budget Speech 2002-03, the Finance Minister announced to launch the Jai Prakash Rozgar Guarantee Yojana (JPRGY) to provide employment guarantee to the unemployed in the most distressed districts of the country. It was also announced to set up a Task Force, headed by the Minister of Rural Development, to design and implement a massive programme for employment generation in the districts.

Recommendations of All India Panchayat Adhyakshas Sammelan

3302. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the All India Panchayat Adhyakshas Sammelan held in the first week of April, 2002, adopted certain specific recommendations;

(b) if so, details thereof including the State-wise number of participants, recommendations adopted;

(c) the details of steps taken/proposed to be taken to implement above recommendations;

(d) whether there is any attempt to supersede the powers of Panchayat by any other authority;

(e) if so, details thereof;

(f) whether there is any suggestion/recommendation that an official of the rank of Collector should be CEO of a Zilla Parishad; and

(g) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) An All India Panchayat Adhyakshas Sammelan was held at New Delhi on 5th and 6th April, 2002 to discuss issued in respect of revitalizing and strengthening of the Panchayati Raj System in the country. The Sammelan adopted a National Declaration indicating, *inter-alia*, that State and Union Territories would take necessary measures to ensure regular and timely Panchayat elections; devolve funds, functions and functionaries in a time-bound

manner; constitute District Planning Committees and make them functional; and strengthen Gram Sabhas and Gram Panchayats. The Sammelan was attended by 1327 representatives of the three tiers of Panchayats of different States/Union Territories. The State-wise number of participants is given in the Statement. (*See* below)

(c) All the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations are being addressed to initiate appropriate steps to implement the recommendations adopted by the Sammelan. The progress made will be reviewed by the Ministry from time to time.

(d) and (e) No, Sir. No such recommendation was made by the Sammelan.

(f) and (g) No, Sir. The All India Panchayat Adhyakshas Sammelan did not make any such recommendation.

Statement

State-wise number of representatives participated in the All India Panchayat Adhyakshas Sammelan, 2002

Sl. No.	State/UT	Gram Panchayat	Panchayat Samiti	Zilla Parishad	Total
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	A & N Islands	2	2	1	5
2.	Andhra Pradesh	22	22	22	66
3.	Assam	28	15	3	46
4.	Bihar	38	37	33	108
5.	Chhattisgarh	15	0	29	44
6.	D & N Haveli	1	0	2	3
7.	Daman & Diu	1	0	2	3
8.	Goa	4	0	2	6
9.	Gujarat	25	22	21	68
10.	Haryana	19	19	19	57
11.	Himachal Pradesh	12	12	16	40
12.	Karnataka	26	29	28	83
13.	Kerala	14	14	14	42

1	2	3	4	5	6
14.	Lakshadweep	0	2	1	3
15.	Madhya Pradesh	42	3	87	132
16.	Maharashtra	23	24	34	81
17.	Orissa	61	0	28	89
18.	Punjab	16	0	0	16
19.	Rajasthan	32	66	0	98
20.	Sikkim	0	0	4	4
21.	Tamil Nadu	29	29	30	88
22.	Tripura	4	4	2	10
23.	Uttar Pradesh	70	70	64	204
24.	Uttaranchal	2	1	1	4
25.	West Bengal	10	10	7	27
	TOTAL :	496	381	450	1327

Potable water to religious places in Sultanpur District, U.P.

†3303. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that a number of villages falling under Kurebhar block of the Sultanpur district, especially the village of Charmukha are deprived of potable water despite all the schemes of potable water under implementation;

(b) the steps taken by Government to provide potable water to the village; and

(c) by when the said village is likely to be provided with potable water?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.